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IMPROVEMENT OF PERFORMANCE OF SC/ ST STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey conducted by Delhi University`s Department of Adult and Continuing Education in March-April,2007 revealed that SC/ST students are not being able to compete with high scoring classmates and often drop out of the Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide assistance to the SC/ST students in the Universities across the country;

(d) whether counselling sessions are likely to be one of the alternatives to improve the performance of the SC/ST students; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to introduce the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b) According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, the Department of Adult and Continuing Education had conducted an informal survey in 2007 amongst aspiring SC/ST students seeking admission in the University. Based on the said survey, no such conclusion was arrived at.

(c) to (e) To improve the academic skills, level of comprehension and the overall performance of SC/ST students in examinations, the University Grants Commission has introduced a special scheme of remedial coaching at the undergraduate and postgraduate level in universities and colleges. The scheme also provides necessary counseling and train ng to enable the students to come up to the level necessary for pursuing higher studies efficiently.